

## **Public Housing**

**Public Housing is rental housing for low-income families of all ages but, some units have been specifically designed to meet the needs of older people. Some public housing has apartments meant to meet the needs of disabled people. Rent is usually 30% of family income.**

**A person who has no income cannot be charged for rent, but may still have to pay a minimum security deposit. If utilities aren't provided, then the apartment management company must pay the lease holder a certain amount of money each month so that he or she is able to pay for utilities.**

**The security deposit is usually equal to one month's rent.**

**Disabled adults may legally live in an apartment complex or high-rise that is designed for senior citizens.**

**If a disabled or older person has custody of children or grandchildren, she or he can legally live in an apartment complex or high-rise designed for seniors if there are enough bedrooms so that the adult has their own bedroom, and no more than 2 children of the same sex share a bedroom. For example: A grandmother who has custody of 3 grandchildren, 2 boys and 1 girl, must have an apartment with 3 bedrooms. One for herself, one for the 2 boys, and one for the girl. Two adult sisters, or two adult brothers may share the same bedroom.**

**A disabled person, who has children and is applying to live in an apartment complex for families, must have an apartment so that he or she has their own bedroom, and no more than 2 children of the same sex share a bedroom.**

**If a younger disabled tenant of an apartment complex or high-rise that is intended for seniors and the disabled becomes pregnant, she will have 6 months to move after the baby is born unless there is a two bedroom apartment available for her to transfer to.**

**A disabled person may live in a family housing complex even if he or she has no children.**

**Pets are never allowed in public housing for families. Federal law requires an exception to be made for seniors and the disabled in apartment complexes or high-rises designed for that type of tenant, but an extra**

security deposit can be charged. Federal law also requires that an exception be made for animals that are trained to assist the disabled and a "pet" deposit cannot be required, as assistance animals are not considered to be pets.

Public housing tends to be in high crime neighborhoods. Maintenance is infrequent, sometimes requiring a wait of months to get something repaired. Public housing tends to be maintained only to the point that it will pass Housing & Urban Development (HUD) inspections. The rooms tend to be small, and have tile, or linoleum flooring. If utilities are included in the rent, there may be an extra charge for using a freezer, or air conditioner.

Some apartment complexes and high-rises will do credit checks on prospective tenants. Police checks are also supposed to be done, and applicants who have a felony conviction are supposed to be denied an apartment.

NOTE: Some housing authorities serve more than one city, and have apartment complexes in more than one city.

### **Bettenorf**

### **Davenport**

### **Bettendorf**

Housing Authority of Bettendorf  
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Fax: 563-344-4059  
E-mail: [pokland@bettendorf.lib.ia.us](mailto:pokland@bettendorf.lib.ia.us)

(Governmental)

Person In Charge: Grants Administrator: Polly Okland

Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm.

Eligibility: Must qualify based on income.

Intake Process: Must complete application in person.

Service Area: Cities of Bettendorf, LeClaire, Pleasant Valley and Eldridge.

Program/Service Notes:

Housing Authority of Bettendorf offers rental assistance through HUD's

**Section 8 Certificate Program for units in the city. Eligibility is based on income.**

**Davenport**

**501 West Third Street**

**Davenport, IA 52801**

**Phone: 563-326-7899 Main**

**Phone: 563-326-7912 TTY**

**Fax: 563-326-7969**

**Operating Agency: City of Davenport (Governmental)**

**Person In Charge: Assisted Housing Coord.:Margaret Murphy**

**Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm.**

**Eligibility: Very low income guidelines; families only. Accept applications from people who live anywhere.**

**Intake Process: Must complete application.**

**Service Area: Quad Cities and surrounding areas.**

**Program/Service Notes:**

**Davenport Public Housing Program has 42 scattered site rental units available for very low income families in Davenport. Refer those seeking long term rental assistance. Currently several hundred on waiting list (3-5 year waiting list depending on number of bedrooms in the unit). Will accept applications for waiting list.**

**Heritage**

**501 West Third Street**

**Davenport, IA 52801**

**Phone: 563-326-7899 Main**

**Phone: 563-326-7912 TTY**

**Fax: 563-326-7969**

**City of Davenport (Governmental)**

**Person In Charge: Assisted Housing Coordinator:Margaret Murphy**

**Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm.**

**Eligibility: Very low income, 62 or older or disabled. Limited to the location of specific apartments in Davenport.**

**Intake Process: Must complete application. Service Area: Quad Cities and surrounding areas.**

**Program/Service Notes:**

**HERITAGE provides 120 rental units for low income elderly or non-elderly with a disability. Refer those seeking long term rental assistance. Has a limit as to how many it can serve and has a five month waiting list.**

